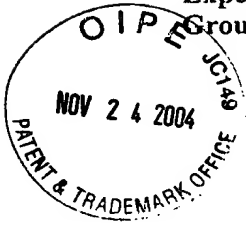


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the June 15, 2004 Office Action is due September 15, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due December 15, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject Application as follows: